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BREZHNEV VISIT AND CSCE

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1. LE MONDE MAY 26 PROVIDES PARTIAL TEXT GISCARD TV
INTERVIEW REPORTEDLY AIRED TWICE ON MAY 23 OVER SOVIET
TV SYSTEM, WHICH WAS KICK-OFF FOR FRANCO-SOVIET WEEK
IN SOVIET MEDIAS IN PREPARATION BREZHNEV VISIT TO
FRANCE JUNE 20-22.

2. ASKED ABOUT THEMES FOR BREZHNEV VISIT, GISCARD SAID
THAT THE CONVERSATIONS WOULD FOCUS ON BILATERAL RELA-
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TIONS AND THE RANGE OF ACTIONS THE TWO COUNTRIES COULD
TAKE TOGETHER. HE THEN SINGLED OUT
--THE RISKS OF NUCLEAR PROLIFERATION,
WHICH FRANCE HAD DISCUSSED WITH SOME OF ITS PARTNERS,
BUT WHICH GISCARD ALSO WANTED TO DISCUSS WITH THE
HIGHEST LEADER OF THE SOVIET UNION;
--ACTIONS WHICH COULD BE TAKEN WITH REGARD TO

THE MIDDLE EAST; AND

--HOW FRANCE AND THE USSR COULD CONTRIBUTE TO THE IMMENSE DEVELOPMENT PROBLEMS IN THE WORLD."I WANT TO TALK TO MR. BREZHNEV "GISCARD IS QUOTED AS SAYING" ABOUT THE CONCLUSIONS OF THE (CIEC) CONFERENCE AND THE ROLE WHICH THE SOVIET UNION CAN PLAY IN THE SOLUTION OF THE PROBLEMS OF UNDERDEVELOPMENT."

3. GISCARD'S REPORTED COMMENTS ON CSCE STRESSED ROLE FRANCE AND THE USSR PLAYED IN BRINGING ABOUT SIGNATURE OF FINAL ACT; EMPHASIZED RIGHTS OF STATES (SECURITY, FORM OF GOVERNMENT, SOCIAL POLICY, ETC.) BUT ALSO THEIR DUTIES TOWARD EACH OTHER IN THESE VARIOUS DOMAINS. GISCARD SPOKE VAGUELY ABOUT DESIRABILITY OF "DETENTE ENTERING THE DAILY LIFE, I WOULD EVEN SAY THE PERSONAL LIFE OF ALL THE INHABITANTS OR OUR CONTINENT," BUT AS FAR AS AVAILABLE TEXT SHOWS MADE NO REFERENCE TO HUMAN RIGHTS AS SUCH.

4. COMMENT: ANODYNE TONE OF GISCARD'S CSCE COMMENTS, STRIKE US AS A GOOD DEAL LESS FORTHRIGHT THAN SERIES OF COMMENTS ON HUMAN RIGHTS WHICH DE GUIRINGAUD HAS MADE DURING VISIT TO WARSAW AND MORE RECENTLY, FOR EXAMPLE, IN FIGARO INTERVIEW REPORTED REF C, GISCARD WAS EVIDENTLY BEING VERY CAREFUL TO REASSURE BREZHNEV AND SOVIET OFFICIALDOM BEFORE VISIT THAT GOF DOES NOT INTEND TO CONTRIBUTE MORE THAN IS ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY TO CONCERNS SOVIETS MAY HAVE REGARDING BELGRADE.

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5. EVEN MORE INTERESTING IS GISCARD'S RENEWED EXPRESSION OF INTEREST--WHICH WAS ALSO IMPORTANT THEME IN HIS PRESS CONFERENCE BEFORE THE LONDON SUMMIT (REF B)--IN DRAWING SOVIETS INTO NORTH-SOUTH ISSUES AND INDUCING GREATER SOVIET PARTICIPATION IN THE THIRD WORLD DEVELOPMENT EFFORT IN GENERAL. INITIAL SOUNDINGS AT QUAI SUGGEST THAT THIS IS IDEA CLOSE TO GISCARD'S PERSONAL HEART, WHICH DID NOT ORIGINATE AT QUAI D'ORSAY, AND REGARDING WHICH SENIOR OFFICIALS IN QUAI'S EUROPEAN DIRECTORATE SO FAR EVINCE LITTLE ENTHUSIASM. WE INTEND PURSUE ISSUE IN CONTACTS RELATED DE GUIRINGAUD'S MOSCOW AND BREZHNEV'S PARIS VISITS.
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